

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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INCREASING AIDS PATIENTS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether WHO has reported that India will have the maximum AIDS patients by 2010;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard;
- (c) the steps proposed to be taken to meet this challenge;
- (d) whether the Government proposes to involve the services of more NGOs in this task; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

- (a) & (b): As per the information available from WHO, there are no reports to indicate that there will be maximum AIDS patients in the country by 2010.
- (c): The Government of India is implementing National AIDS Control Programme (NACP) to control the spread of HIV/AIDS by up-scaling targeted interventions among the high risk groups, behaviour change communication for improved awareness specifically among women and children, expanding the preventive care, blood safety, support and treatment of HIV infected persons including treatment of opportunistic infections and provision of free antiretroviral drugs and mainstreaming HIV intervention strategies.
- (d) & (e) NGOs are involved in implementing various activities under NACP including targeted Interventions for high risk groups and setting up community care centres.